

Canosia Township

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Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2017

ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, P&Z Director Tim Walburg, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and 20 residents.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. AGENDA: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the agenda with one addition: Move AAA Club discussion to Public Input. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- B. MINUTES: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the minutes from the Board of Audit (2/6/2017), Regular Meeting (3/1/2017), Board of Canvass (3/14/2017) and Reorganization Meeting (3/27/2017). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/17 –3/31/17). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Mini-Pumper Payment: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, authorizing the Fire Chief to deliver the \$161,000+ check to Custom Fab & Body only *after* the FD evaluates/approves the mini-pumper in person. **Discussion:** The Chief is heading to Wisconsin on Monday to pick the new truck. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dan Jezierski: 1) He would like to see more detailed financial reports; he'll bring in the old ones to discuss with the treasurer. 2) When asked if we pay two people (the Road Supervisor and Road Foreman) to evaluate roads, the chair explained that yes, we pay both people to do their jobs.

AAA Club Discussion: Over a dozen residents (including several PLA members) attended the meeting. Although AAA will not open the golf course/beach this summer, they have not made any other decisions. However, it has been established that AAA is within their legal rights to sell the property. It was decided it would carry more weight if there was an organized group, spearheaded by the Township, communicating with AAA instead of several different parties.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to form a township task force, with Supervisor Comnick acting as the town representative, and authorizing the task force to meet at the town hall on Friday to send a letter to AAA stressing the six points below:

1. The desire to keep the club as its current public use.
2. The importance of keeping the course maintained/operating this summer so it does not fall into disrepair.
3. Our hope they will keep us in the loop on whatever decisions they make.
4. Explain that the task force is a combined effort of Canosia Township and the Pike Lake Association.
5. Our wiliness to work with them on any option they may choose. This could include the sale of the property to a private developer.
6. Our openness to accepting the property as a donation to the township.

Discussion: the task force will also include Jody Zimmerman, Tom Whittaker, Ken Wallace, Brian Daugherty, and Larry Modean. The letter will be sent out as soon as possible on township letterhead (via email and US mail) to Janet Holston, the AAA real estate point person for the property. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Resident Roger Anderson has also been in contact with AAA to express his interest in purchasing the club. He wants to find an economically feasible way to keep the course open to the public (i.e. build private homes around it).

The board later agreed to help the township historical society request/recover any historical items from the AAA property.

OLD BUSINESS

A. PLANNING & ZONING: There were no new permits in March.

Solid waste issues: Resident Don Walters called with a complaint about 5776 Alder Rd. The township also received an anonymous letter about 5409 Shady Ln. P&Z Director Tim Walburg will look into this as well.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2017 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	March #'s	Notes	Total for 2017
EMS	6		19
Medical MUA	0		1
Twp Fire	2	A tree on fire, A bad odor call	3
MUA Fire	6	2 calls each for HFD, RLFD. 1 call each for GLFD and FFD.	8
Service	0		0
TOTAL	14		31

FD Training Notes: Heard a speaker on crime scene/responder safety, cleaned hoses, removed winter equipment from the trucks.

Generator: The generator is working and will run automatically every Tuesday night at 7:15 p.m.

Selling Old Rescue Truck: Motion to use the following procedure when selling the old truck: The Chief will notify area FD's/Lakehead Association about our vehicle for sale. They have until April 28 to email us their offers. The clerk will compile a list of all offers and forward to the chair who will give the go-ahead to sell to the highest offer. The sale is only open to FD's, not private citizens. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Note: MAT recommends using a “sealed response” process in situations like this; all offers are submitted and opened at a town board meeting and the highest offer is accepted. This is required if selling an item to a township employee.

Washer/Dryer: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, authorizing the \$7,007 purchase of a commercial washer for the FD from BDS laundry systems; this includes installation. Motion carried unanimously, 3- 0.

Fire Relief: The relief association will submit a formal written request next month to have their annual benefit increased; the request will include their desired amount and a timeline. The board will then work with them to develop a plan. There is some confusion about what stage revised bylaws should be sent to the state. There was also some discussion about investment options.

The chair requested copies of the FIRE-16 and SC-17 forms due to the state on March 31.

C. ROADS

Road Foreman Report (Gary Oswell): No major problems. Road restrictions are still up. The county will replace a few of our signs at Oswell's request.

Scrub Seal Contract: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, approving the St. Louis County 2017 scrub seal contract. Discussion: the town board had already approved these projects in February, but this is the formal county agreement. They will be scrub sealing Vaux, Dunaisky and Pike Lane at a cost of roughly \$69,000. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Road Tour: Scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m.

D. RECREATION AREA

Rec Area Referendum Money: The township received a “letter of understanding” from Proctor ISD Superintendent John Engelking: when we use our \$50,000 from the referendum we can either submit invoices for reimbursement or have the invoices sent directly to the school district.

Overnight Rec Area Use: The town board denied a request to allow three mobile homes to be parked/used at the rec area overnight in July; our rules do not permit overnight use.

E. AIS INSPECTIONS

SLC Grant Contract: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the 2017 grant contract with St. Louis County. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

CD3 Station Contraction: Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the CD3 contract with township attorney Michael Orman’s suggestions. **Discussion:** Connick will ask Orman’s office to finalize the changes and will then return it to CD3 for their consideration. At Golen’s request, Connick will ask Orman about the wording in the utility section. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

AIS Applicants: The township has received only six applications so far. The deadline will be extended until April 14. The clerk will post the job on Indeed and contact the Hermantown School District and Fond du Lac college. The board will review the applications on April 18 after the road tour. Interviews will be scheduled for April 25 (time TBD).

F. PIKE LAKE LANDING IMPROVEMENTS: Nothing to report

G. TRAILS

The trail plan will be finalized this summer. The committee and school district are working together on some school forest maintenance projects this spring.

H. AIRPORT ZONING: Meeting the first Friday in June.

I. CEMETERY: Stakes removed soon; Brooks and Oswell will review/clarify cemetery rules.

J. RECYCLE SHED: Still waiting on the forms to apply for the WLSSD Improvements Grant.

K. RSPT: They will allow us to continue as a non-dues-paying member.

L. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE: Nothing to report

M. PLAWCS: RESOLUTION #2017-5

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, approving Resolution 2017-5: Authorizing the Commercial and Residential Sewer Access Charge by PLAWCS for New User Connections. **Discussion:** the sewer access detail sheet is attached to the resolution. Motion carried unanimously, 3- 0.

N. PFC WATER CONTAMINATION: Nothing to report

O. BROADBAND: Nothing to report

P. NOXIOUS WEEDS: No training date yet.

Q. MEETING RECAPS:

At DAT, some townships mentioned their FD's had installed free smoke detectors at residents' homes. Chief Stevens said our FD will definitely take part next time the program is available.

NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPENSATION RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, approving Resolution #2017-4: establishing a policy for Compensation and Reimbursement for Township Officers. Discussion: this resolution (version 2) formalizes the wage decisions made at the Reorganization meeting with the addition of matching the supervisors' hourly wage to the clerk/treasurer's. Motion carried unanimously.

B. AAA CLUB: Discussed in Public Input

C. SUPERONE GROCERY STORE 3.2% LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Pike Lake SuperOne's 3.2% liquor license. Discussion: this is a county license which also needs township approval. The clerk will send the annual "report of the town clerk" to the county. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

D. LITTLE LIBRARY: The clerk will paint it white. Ellingson will determine how to install it.

E. TOWN HALL FOUNDATION REPAIR: For discussion next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Newsletters/notices from Fredenberg, Solway, Lakewood and Midway Townships.
- Summer Community Education magazine
- Advertisement from Twin Ports Pest Management.

MOTIONS TO PAY BILLS/ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #19231 -19272 and MA-2017: #3-5. Discussion: the Holiday bill will not be paid until the FD finds one missing receipt. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Susan Krasaway, Clerk
May 3, 2017

Kurt Brooks, Chair
May 3, 2017